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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In response to the Examiner's Interview Summary, below is Applicant's statement of the substance of the interview.

The interview was conducted at the office of Examiner Chin Shue on October 14, 2004. Applicant's attorney showed a commercial sample of a product embodying the invention. The applied prior art patents, in particular the primary references, were discussed. It was agreed that the primary references disclose rigid clamps for attachment to cable or rope. Applicant's attorney pointed out that the invention disclosed and claimed in the present application is directed to a rope system, not a rigid mechanical device.

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No specific claim language was discussed and there was no attempt made to reach an agreement about the allowability of any particular claim. Instead, the focus of the discussion was on the scope of the disclosure of the applied primary references. However, the Examiner did indicate that the method claims (which are cancelled in this application following a restriction requirement) may be patentable over the art.

Having reached some understanding about the content of the primary prior art references, it was agreed that the applicant would submit revised claims for further consideration by the Examiner. To that end, it was agreed that the applicant would file an RCE with a preliminary amendment. The Examiner indicated that he would consider the revised claims anew and might need to do some additional searching.

Respectfully submitted,



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